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Hon Pat Miller
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Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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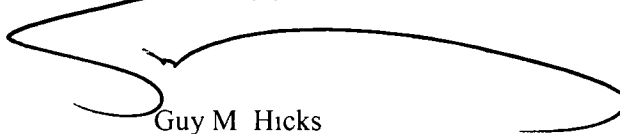
Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc and Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership and Sprint Communications Company L P Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No 04-00223

Dear Chairman Miller.

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership and Sprint Communications Company L P. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and fourteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated January 1, 2001. The Amendment extends the term of the Agreement for an additional six months.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M Hicks

cc. W Richard Morris, Sprint Communications Company L.P.
James Wright, Esq Sprint Communications

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc and Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership and Sprint Communications Company L.P. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. _____

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LP
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership and Sprint Communications Company L.P ("Sprint CLEC") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated January 1, 2001 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, Sprint CLEC and BellSouth state the following:

1. Sprint CLEC and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Sprint CLEC. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on September 9, 2002

2 The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which extends the term of the Agreement for an additional six months. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Sprint CLEC and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and Sprint CLEC within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. Sprint CLEC and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

6. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein.

Sprint CLEC and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

**Amendment to
Interconnection Agreement**

between

**Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership
Sprint Communications Company L.P.
Sprint Spectrum, L.P.**

and

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Dated January 1, 2001

Pursuant to this Amendment (the "Amendment") Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership and Sprint Communications Company L.P., (collectively referred to as "Sprint CLEC"), a Delaware Limited Partnership, and Sprint Spectrum L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, as agent and General Partner for WirelessCo L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and SprintCom, Inc., a Kansas corporation, all foregoing entities jointly d/b/a Sprint PCS (Sprint PCS), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth), a Georgia corporation, hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) between BellSouth and Sprint CLEC and Sprint PCS, (collectively referred to as "Sprint") dated January 1, 2001.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Sprint and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1 The Parties agree to delete Section 2.1, General Terms and Conditions – Part A in its entirety and replace it with the following.

2.1 The term of this Agreement shall be from the effective date as set forth above and shall expire as of December 31, 2004. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties, the term of this Agreement may be extended. If, as of the expiration of this Agreement, a Subsequent Agreement (as defined in Section 3.1 below) has not been executed by the Parties, this Agreement shall continue on a month-to-month basis.

2 All other provisions of the Agreement, dated January 1, 2001, shall remain in full force and effect.

3 Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the appropriate Commission for approval subject to section 252(c) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

4 This Amendment shall be effective upon the date of the last signature of both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year written below.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: 

Name: Kristen E. Rowe

Title: Director

Date: 6/3/04

**Sprint Communications Company
Limited Partnership**

By: 

Name: W. Richard Morris

Title: Vice President – External Affairs

Date: 6/2/04

Sprint Spectrum L.P.

By: 

Name: W. Richard Morris

Title: Vice President – External Affairs

Date: 6/2/04

Term Amendment

This 22nd day of July, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC

By. 

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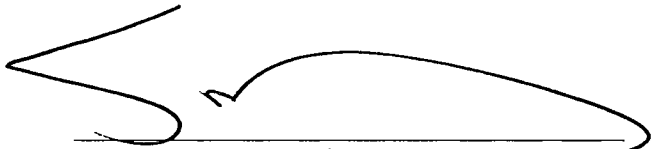
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 22nd day of July, 2004:

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Vice President – State External Affairs
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